

Remarks

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the outstanding office action is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 9, 11, 45, and 46 have been amended, and Claim 12 has been cancelled without prejudice. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Claims 1-11, 13-33, 35, 37, 39-41, 43, and 45-60 remain pending. No excess claim fees are due with this response.

Claims 9 and 11 have been amended to overcome objections due to informalities. These objections should be withdrawn.

The rejection of claims 1-12, 15-26, 29-33, 35, 37, 39-41, 43 and 45-60 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (1st para.) as failing to comply with the written description requirement is respectfully traversed. Applicants have amended claims 1, 45, and 46 by further limiting the claims to recite the subgenus "steroid hormone moiety." In view of these amendments, and in view of the acknowledgment at pages 4-5 that the specification provides descriptive support for using steroid hormones and their derivatives, this rejection should be withdrawn.

The rejection of claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (1st para.) as failing to comply with the written description requirement is rendered moot by the deletion of species D21775. This rejection should be withdrawn.

The rejection of claims 45-51 and 56-60 under 35 U.S.C. §112 (1st para.) for lack of enablement is respectfully traversed in view of the above noted amendments to claims 45 and 46. The PTO acknowledged at page 6 of the outstanding office action that the specification fully enables modifying GnRH analogs with steroid hormones or their derivatives. Therefore, this enablement rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of all the foregoing, it is submitted that this case is in condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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